

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Science Advisory Board

Notification of Public Advisory Committee Meetings

Open Meetings

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that four committees/subcommittees of the Science Advisory Board (SAB) will meet on the dates and times described below. All times noted are Eastern Time. All meetings are open to the public. Due to limited space, seating at meetings will be on a first-come basis. For further information concerning specific meetings, please contact the individuals listed below. Important Notice: Documents that are the subject of SAB reviews are normally available from the originating EPA office and are not available from the SAB Office - information concerning availability of documents from the relevant Program Office is included below.

4. CASAC TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE FOR FINE PARTICLE MONITORING

The Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) Technical Subcommittee for Fine Particle Monitoring will meet on Monday, November 30, 1998 at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA), Environmental Research Center, Main Auditorium, Route 54 and Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711. The meeting will begin at 8:30 am and end no later than 5:00 pm. This is the first meeting of this reconstituted Subcommittee. Additional public meetings or public teleconferences will take place, but are not yet scheduled.

Purpose of the Meeting - This technical subcommittee of CASAC was established in 1996 to provide advice and comment to EPA (through CASAC) on appropriate methods and network strategies for monitoring fine particles in the context of implementing the revised national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) for particulate matter. The Subcommittee provided such advice on the Federal Reference Method and mass based fine particle network in July 1996 and is now meeting to examine EPA's plans and guidance for several components of the fine particle monitoring network and how these components are linked to research priorities for particulate matter. In preparation for the meeting, EPA will submit the following background materials and draft documents for the Subcommittee's consideration: a) Overview of National PM_{2.5} Monitoring Networks; b) Particulate Matter (PM_{2.5}) Speciation Guidance Document (July 1998 draft); c) *Report of the PM Measurements Research Workshop* (Supersites Workshop Report; 10/98); and d) *Draft Supersites Conceptual Plan* (November 9, 1998)

At the meeting, staff from the Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (OAQPS) and the Office of Research and Development (ORD) will provide briefings regarding status and plans for the fine particle monitoring program with an emphasis on the chemical speciation and "supersite" study programs. This will include an overview of the draft guidance for network design, siting and operations, and the strategy for integrating the planned monitors with particulate matter related priority research needs identified by the National Academy of Sciences Committee on Research Priorities for Airborne Particulate Matter. The Agency staff and Subcommittee members will discuss the specific issues for the Charge to the Subcommittee during the meeting.

Availability of Review Materials Hard copies of the materials will be available from Ms. Brenda Millar, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (MD-14), U.S. EPA, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711. Ms. Millar can also be reached by telephone at (919) 541- 4036 or by fax at (919) 541-1903. Electronic versions of the documents will be available on the Agency's TTN Bulletin Board, at <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/amtic>.

For Further Information: Members of the public desiring additional information about the meeting should contact Mr. Robert Flaak, Designated Federal Officer, Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee, Science Advisory Board (1400), Room 3702G, U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone/voice mail at (202) 260-5133; fax at (202) 260-7118; or via E-mail at flaak.robert@epa.gov. A copy of the draft agenda is available from Ms. Diana Pozun at (202) 260-8432 or by FAX at (202) 260-7118 or via E-Mail at pozun.diana@epa.gov.

Members of the public who wish to make a brief oral presentation to the Subcommittee must contact Mr. Flaak in writing (by letter or by fax - see previously stated information) no later than 12 noon Eastern Time, Tuesday, November 24, 1998 in order to be included on the Agenda. Public comments will be limited to ten minutes per speaker or organization. The request should identify the name of the individual making the presentation, the organization (if any) they will represent, any requirements for audio visual equipment (e.g., overhead projector, 35mm projector, chalkboard, etc), and at least 35 copies of an outline of the issues to be addressed or of the presentation itself.

PROVIDING ORAL OR WRITTEN COMMENTS AT SAB MEETINGS

The Science Advisory Board expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted oral or written statements. In general, each individual or group making an oral presentation will be limited to a total time of ten minutes. For conference call meetings, opportunities for oral comment will be limited to no more than five minutes per speaker and no more than fifteen minutes total. Written comments (at least 35 copies) received in the SAB Staff Office sufficiently prior to a meeting date, may be mailed to the relevant SAB committee or subcommittee prior to its meeting; comments received too close to the meeting date will normally be provided to the committee at its meeting. Written comments may be provided to the relevant committee or subcommittee up until the time of the meeting.

Additional information concerning the Science Advisory Board, its structure, function, and composition, may be found on the SAB Website (<http://www.epa.gov/sab>) and in *The Annual Report of the Staff Director* which is available from the SAB Publications Staff at (202) 260-4126 or via fax at (202) 260-1889. Individuals requiring special accommodation at SAB meetings, including wheelchair access, should contact the appropriate DFO at least five business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

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Date

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